

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Note: You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2012.

EDC Members Present

Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee
Aundrea Perry, Gifford Community
Peter Robinson, Local Developer
Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC)
Harris Webber, Town of Orchid
Karl Zimmermann, Member-At-Large
Jerry Weick, Town of Indian River Shores
Beth Mitchell, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce
Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry
Scott Stradley, BCC Appointee
Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian
Doug Bournique, Local Industry
Claudia Jimenez, School Board
William Penney, Banking Appointee
Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-At-Large

EDC Members Absent

James Kretsch, Member-At-Large
Jay Kramer, City of Vero Beach (COVB)
Richard Stetson, Workforce Solutions
Keith Kite, Tourist Industry
Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere

Others Present

Helene Caseltine, IRCOC
Jim O'Connor, COVB

IRC Staff

Peter O'Bryan, Commissioner Liaison
Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief
Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner
Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4

Call to Order

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the EDC Minutes of April 17, 2012

Mr. Stradley referred to page 5 of the April 17, 2012 EDC Meeting Minutes and noted a couple of changes. He suggested in the following motion striking out the word *no* to read:

ON MOTION BY Mr. Bournique, SECONDED BY Mr. Stradley, the Economic Development Council recommends the Board of County Commissioners consider a two fiscal year hiatus of ~~no~~ impact fees for Indian River County.

Mr. Stradley referred to his statement also on page 5 and said instead of “every business” it should read “new businesses”; *Mr. Stradley opined the EDC should recommend a hiatus because the elimination of impact fees was an incentive for new businesses.*

ON MOTION BY Ms. Chandler, SECONDED BY Mr. Rogers, the members voted unanimously (15-0) to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012 as amended.

Consideration of a Request from Nylacarb Corporation For a Local Jobs Grant

Ms. Helene Caseltine, IRCOC, introduced Mr. Scott Cooley, President, Nylacarb Corporation (Nylacarb). She stated Nylacarb was a local manufacturer company in operation since 1987.

Mr. Cooley said Nylacarb was a family business for two generations, and over 100 years of experience in the injection molding industry. Nylacarb currently employs 30 individuals and was proposing to expand the business, adding 12 new jobs to the County. He noted 80% of their customers were located in the State of Florida.

Mr. Bill Schutt highlighted the information contained in his memorandum dated May 10, 2012, titled "Consideration of a Request For a Local Jobs Grant", a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He indicated Nylacarb's proposed jobs met the minimum job grant qualification of having salaries above 75% of the County's annual wage (\$25,460.25). He reviewed the grant calculation in the following chart:

Category	Qualified Jobs	Amount per Job	Total
75% of County average wage	11	\$3,000	\$33,000
100% of County average wage	1	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
150% of County average wage	-----	-----	-----
			\$38,000

Mr. Schutt indicated the total grant amount was \$38,000 and was payable over a period of three years.

Mr. Penney mentioned the IRCOC had a Project Review Committee consisting of local bankers who reviewed the Dun and Bradstreet Report on those companies submitting a Local Jobs Grant Application. He said there were no reasons why this application should not be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners.

A discussion ensued on whether there would be an expansion of the manufacturing plant and delaying the hiring period if the business was unable to hire for various circumstances.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Stradley, SECONDED BY Councilmember Weick, the members voted (15-0) to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to approve a Local Jobs Grant up to \$38,000 for Nylacarb Corporation payable over a three-year period.

Other Matters

Councilmember Coy brought up at the April 17, 2012 meeting; a Councilmember's Alternate was in attendance along with the member and the issue with the vote on the Impact Fees. She felt two elected officials or two individuals from one entity should not be seated at the same table. She suggested the EDC establish a policy restricting only the voting members, along with Ms. Caseltine as the IRCOC Representative and Commissioner Liaison

O'Bryan would be able to sit at the meeting table, so there would be no questions regarding future meetings votes.

A lengthy discussion ensued on member alternates.

A MOTION BY Councilmember Coy, SECONDED BY Mr. Roger, the members voted (2-13) to recommend only the primary Economic Development Council member was seated at the meeting table unless the designated alternate was there in their absence. THE MOTION FAILED.

Councilmember Coy disputed the vote on the following motion at the April 17, 2012 EDC Meeting:

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE QUESTION, the members voted (7-6) to recommend the Board of County Commissioners consider a two-fiscal-year hiatus of impact fees in Indian River County (Mayor Adams, Councilmember Coy, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Jimenez, Councilmember Weick and Mr. Rogers opposed)

Councilmember Coy stated there were 15 EDC members present at the April 17, 2012 meeting and the vote was (7-6) and anyone abstaining must disclose the conflict to the recording secretary. She suggested the vote be cancelled and the item be rescheduled.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the vote. Mr. Zimmerman indicated he was not on the list of those opposed and said he voted against the motion. Also, it was indicated Councilmember Kramer did not vote. It was pointed out that County policy stated silence was assumed to be an affirmative vote. Therefore the corrected voted would be (8-7) in favor of the motion.

It was established for future meetings, when voting would be a tight call, a roll call would be taken.

Chairman Mitchell indicated she had discussed the matter with the County Attorney Alan Polackwich and asked him what the rules in terms of reconsidering a motion. She added Attorney Polackwich's advice was that the committee could not entertain a motion to reconsider unless it was at the same meeting.

Mr. Robinson questioned whether the agenda item regarding a two-fiscal-year hiatus on impact fees had been taken to the BCC. A lengthy discussion followed on why the matter was not taken to the Board of County Commissioners and the process of taking action items to the BCC. Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan told the members he planned to take the agenda item before the BCC at their May 22, 2012 meeting.

Economic Development Activities – Ms. Helene Caseltine, IR Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Caseltine briefly mentioned the Florida Department of Transportation's study on how the community would accept the Port of Fort Pierce on whether the community would want to see it go in the direction of more cargo, more commercial or remain the same.

Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan announced the County, along with the Treasure Coast Sports Commission signed a three-year contract with the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) Sandy Koufax World Series at the Vero Beach Sports Village. The AABC World Series would bring up to 20 teams to IRC sometime in late July or August 2012 and up to 25 teams in the future

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.